The Bad Boy and His Dad Ready for Their Ocean Trip

## PECK'S BAD BOY ABROAD

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THE old groceryman was in front of

the grocery bent over a box of rutabagas, turning the deayed sides down to make the possible customer think all was not as bad as it might be, when a shrill whistle down the street attracted his attention. He looked in the direction from which tion from which it came, and saw the bad boy coming with a suit case in one and and a sole leather hat box in the other, and the old man went in the store to say a silent prayer, and to lay

could reach them if the worst came. "Well, you want to get a good look me now," said the bad boy, as he at me now," said the bad boy, as indropped the vallse on the floor and put the hat box on the counter, "for it will the hat box on the counter, "for it will the hat box on the counter," the hat box on the counter, "for it will the hat box on the counter, "for it will the hat box on the counter," the hat box on the counter, "for it will the hat box on the counter, "for it will the hat box on the counter," the hat box on the counter, "for it will be a set of the counter, "for it will b be months, and maybe years, before

you see me again."
"Oh, joy!" said the old groceryman as he heaved a sigh and tried to look sorry. "What is it, reform school, or have the police ordered you out of town? I have felt it coming for a long time. This is the only town you could have plied your vocation so long in and not been pulled. Where are you going with the dude suit case and the ha

"Oh, dad has got a whole mess more diseases, and the doctors had a con-versation over him Sunday, and they say he has got to go away again, right now, and that a sea voyage will brace over in Europe can get in its work and strengthen him so he can start back after awhile and probably die on the way home, and be buried at sea. Dad says be will go, for he had rather die

whole lot of them nervous prostration, rheumatism, liver trouble, stomach contact the long congested diaphragm turned over, heart disease, bronchitis, corns, bunions, every darm thing a man catch without costing him anything. But he is not despondent. He just thicks it is an evidence of genius, and a certificate of standing in society, and wealth. He argues that the poor people who have only one disease are since he had that operation and had his appendix chopped out he thinks there a bond of sympathy between him nd King Edward that will cause him to be invited to be the guest of royalty. He is just daffy," and the bad boy took a sapolio label out a box and pasted it



DANCE, YOU KIOTES, DANCE!



he put more labels on the hat box, and stood off and looked at them with the

at sea than on land, 'cause they don't have to have any trouble about a funeral, 'cause all they do is to sew a man up in a piece of cloth, tie a sack of coal to his feet, slife bim off a board, and he goes kerplunk down into the sait water about a mile, and stands there on his feet and makes the whales and sharks think he is a new kind of fish."

"Oh, dad said he wished he had some foreign labels of hote's and things on his valise, to make fellow travelers believe he had been abroad before, and I told him I could fix it all right. You reached for a Quaker oats label and a soap advertisement and pasted them on.

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"What in thunder and lightning are you, but when I have said something ugly to you, and have laid awake all night regretting it, it has occurred to me that, you were about the best friend I had. I think it makes an old man forget his years, to be chummy in raising you up to your present of wanders," said the old grocery-man in a whisper. "It wouldn't be strange, after all he has gone through, in raising you up to your present of wanders, said the old grocery-man in a whisper. "It wouldn't be strange, after all he has gone through, in raising you up to your present of wanders, said the old grocery-man in a whisper. "It wouldn't be strange, after all he has gone through, in raising you up to your present of wanders, said the old grocery-man in a whisper. "It wouldn't be strange, after all he has gone through, in raising you up to your present of well awake all night regretting it, it has occurred to me that, you were about the best friend I had. I think it makes an old man forget his years, to be chummy in a whisper. "It wouldn't be strange, after all he has gone through, in raising you up to your present of well awake all night regretting it, it has occurred to me that, you were a

"Gee! but this is a programme that appeals to me as sort of uncanny," said the cld man. "Is your dad despondent over the outlook? What new disease has he got?"

"All of 'em," said the boy, as he took a label off a tomato can and pasted it on the end of the suit case. "You take an almanae and read about all the diseases that the medicine advertised milk label, with a New Jersey cow on the almanae cures, and dad has got the whole lot of them, nervous prostration, the unatism, liver trouble, stomach these green pea can labels, and the company and the live he had been abroad before, and I light. You see, if I paste things all over the validating titles while, on your trip, and I will read your letters to the custom-between the store, who will be lone-like here in the store, who will be lone-like and the warn of the different trouble your and the wery littles while, on your trip, and I will bring the your bear that you are the store, who will be lone-like here in the store, who will be lone-like and the medicant appears to it, and that experi-like here in the store, who will be lone-like and the like here were were we had coming here were were we had coming here were were

about every dutch and duchess we strong personality, and that when he meet, every prince and pauper, and demands that anybody do something everything. You watch my smoke, and they simply got to do it, so he walked In it with the statesmen and scholOh, he is all right. He thinks if
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give him a double shuffle or two, just | nearly exhausted from the exertion. to case his mind. "Well, pretty soon he came along to

laughing, and the engineer and fire bad boy took his labeled valise and hat man looking on and yelling, and dad box and started.

Good Stories Well Told.

guess if the conductor had not got the hot box put out and yelled all abeard, dad would have had apoplexy. where the cowboys were leaning aboard, dad would have nad apopters, but he let up, the cowboys quit shooting, and he got aboard the train them in a haughty manner, he said: and started. I stayed in the smoking Dance, you kiotes, dance.' and he put his hand to his pistol pocket. Well, than an hour, 'cause I was afraid if I sir, I never saw so much fun in my went in the car where dad was he Four of the cowboys pulled re- would make some remark that would life. Four of the cowboys pulled revolvers and began to shoot regular bullets into the piatform within an inch of dad's feet, and they yelled to him: 'Dance your own self, you ancient maverick: whoop 'er up!' and by gosh! dad was so frightened that he began to dauce all around the platform, and it was like a battle, the bulleting to the companies and he will tand without the piatform, and it was like a battle, the bulleting to the companies and he will tand without the piatform. form, and it was like a battle, the bul-lets splintering the boards, and the smoke filling the air, and the passen-gers looking out of the windows and the boards are the boards and the boards and the boards are the boards are the boards and the boards are the boards and the boards are the

Bankhead of Alabama about the trial of a man who belonged to the gambling fraternity. An effort was being made to break up gambling in and around Mobile, and it was well known that the judge who was to try the case was himself a pretty stift poker player.

The first witness for the defense was talking grifbly of "going it blind" "checking." "passing." etc., and the defendant's counsel appeared to understand all the terms without difficulty. The judge seemed to relish the situation, and said to the counsel;

"Mr. Jackson, you seem to understand the witness thoroughly, Will you be good enough to explain to the court the terms used by him?"

A suppressed laughter ran through the court room, for everyone present knew that the judge was no amateur in cards. But the counsel was equal to the occasion, and, stepping up to the hench, said:

"Your honor, I will explain with pleasure every term the witness has used if you will kindly let me have your deck."

"There are men today, old and gray-beaded, who vote the Democratic or Republican ticket simply because 'dad did it.' is the way Speaker Cannon puts it. "They can't tell their reasons for being a Republican or a Democrat only that 'dad was one.' This leads my mind to a 'arn they were always telling on Senator Vance of North/Carolina, one of the best men I ever knew.

"The story was that Vance was campaigning in one of the mountain counties when he noticed a white man and four negroes busily engaged at work making plow lines.

"'How many can you make in a day?"

"Four pairs."

"And it takes five men a whole day to make four pairs of plow lines?"

"Yep."

"Why do you waste your time at that work, neighbor, when you can get all the plow lines you need at a cost much less than even the time you put in in making there, to say nothing of the material?"

"Yep."

General Pickens of North Carolina is he eleverest story teller who ever came o Washington from the Tar Heel state. this is one of the latest:

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"A hardshell exhorter was holding forth in exalted strains about the time of the attack on Fort Donelson. He declared that the Lord fought on the side of the South, that Jehovah was encamped around about the Confederate army, and that it was impossible for the invading Yankees to conquer them.

"Just at the close of one of these extravagant statements a man dashed up to the country church and cried out that the Yanks had captured Fort Donelson and were then making their way up the river.

church members, and the parson said:
"Then, my brethren and sisters, rave
yourselves, for the Lord has got licked."

## Sure Enough.

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## CHRISTMAS

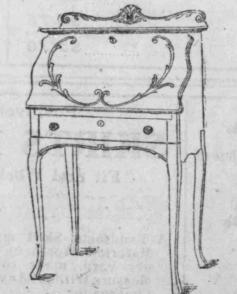
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